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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Air America Helicopter Story in 3 November 1971
WASHINGTON POST

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1. After your call, I talked briefly with [REDACTED]. He recalled this incident as occurring in the spring of 1971. An Air America helicopter on an AID mission was flying a load of canned meat to northwest Laos. There was a U.S. pilot from Air America and a Thai kicker aboard. The plane became weathered in and landed at a small field that they believed to be in Laos. Instead it turned out to be just over the border in Burma.

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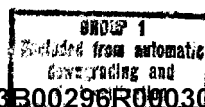
2. The aircraft was detained for about one week and both pilot and kicker were well treated. There was a survival weapon aboard which was released with the aircraft. There was an announcement to this effect in the Burmese papers. According to [REDACTED] the allegation by the reporter is totally false. He will pull together the detailed facts on this case and make it available to me. I will furnish you a copy of this information.

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8. (Secret - JMM) Met with Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, whom I briefed on the White House announcement regarding the intelligence community.

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9. (Secret - JMM) [] and I met with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, whom we briefed on the upcoming White House announcement regarding the intelligence community. Mr. Woodruff commented that this seemed a forward step.

Later in the day I met again with Mr. Woodruff who told me in strict confidence of Senator Ellender's plans for cuts in the intelligence community and the Agency budgets. (See Memo for Record)

10. (Confidential - GLC) I talked with Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, about possible language for the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee on Conference on the Military Procurement Act. The statement pertaining to Section 505 will indicate that it is not the intent of the conferees to jeopardize or reduce funds available for the operation of the embassy in Laos, or for those normal and usual expenses of the embassy as would be incurred in the absence of any military, paramilitary, or economic assistance programs. Both Woolsey and Slatinshek said the Committee staffs would meet this afternoon to decide on the precise final 25X1A wording.

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15. (Secret - GLC) Checked with Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, on the status of the conferee action on the Symington amendment to the Military Procurement bill. Woolsey said the conferees have concluded action on the bill and the House Armed Services Committee staff is drafting the "Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference." He said he would be working with them,

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16. (Secret - GLC) Checked with Senator Eastland's office and learned he would be leaving town today and had not had an opportunity to put in the Congressional Record the letter from [REDACTED] At [REDACTED] request I asked J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, if it would be possible to pull that letter back from Eastland's office and have another member of the Subcommittee place it in the Record. Sourwine said he would try.

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17. (Unclassified - LLM) After coordinating with [REDACTED] OTR, I called the office of Peter Lakeland, Executive Secretary to Senator Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.), and relayed to his secretary information concerning the choice of three dates for Lakeland's appearance before the Advanced Intelligence Seminar. She said she would pass the information on to him and try to be back to us on Monday.

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10. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Fran Christy, House Immigration and Naturalization Committee staff, who told me that

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25X1 [redacted] she talked to several people about the possible removal of place of birth from the passport. There doesn't seem to be any reasons other than those put forth by the Department of State "that most European countries require this information." In consequence, there is no reason to change it. She was not able to identify any pressure to change it to favor travel in the Middle East.

11. (Confidential - JMM) Accompanied Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, who briefed the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments of House Foreign Affairs Committee, on Soviet strategic weapons systems--offensive and defensive. See Memo for the Record

12. (Secret - JMM) Met with Representatives Hebert, Nedzi, Price, Arends and Bray and Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed them on developments affecting the intelligence community. See Memo for Record.

13. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Representative Paul Rogers and explained that we had not forgotten his continued request for information on "arms for opium" reports in Southeast Asia, but [redacted] was out of 25X1A town and we would probably be in touch with him next week.

14. (Confidential - JMM) During my conversation with Representative Lucien Nedzi, he raised the question of a newspaper story in the Washington Post regarding an Air America helicopter being shot down in Burma. I explained the helicopter was on a charter mission for AID and engaged in a purely peaceful mission to provide refugee supplies in Laos when it accidentally strayed a short distance over the Burmese border and was forced down.

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